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The Gateway to the South

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The Gateway to the South

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DAY QUIETLY
OBSERVED IN
THIS CITYChurch Services and Family
Reunions Mark Xmas
Observance

POOR REMEMBERED

Horn Blowing and Fireworks Thing
of the Past—Double Holiday En-
joyed by ToilersAlexandria spent an unusually quiet
Christmas and church services, family
reunions and the distribution of
gifts marked the observance of the
day.Large congregations attended the
Christmas services in all of the
churches Sunday morning and even-
ing and sermons appropriate to the
observance of the day were delivered
from the pulpits.Many former residents of the city
were here for the day, together with
many Alexandria students attending
out of town schools and colleges.
Most of the latter will spend the
week with their parents.Many of the churches were prettily
decorated for the Christmas observance
and the choirs furnished elaborate
musical programs.It was a holiday for the toilers and
labor greatly enjoyed the two day
holiday, yesterday also being ob-
served as Christmas.St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sun-
day night held a unique service, the
church being completely darkened
and the only illumination was wax
candles which were placed at the
various pews. This was an innovation
for St. Paul's and the service was
very pretty. This was the first time
such a method was adopted by any
church in the city.St. Mary's Catholic Church usher-
ed in Christmas at midnight Sat-
urday night with the celebration of a
solemn high mass. The services
were attended by a capacity congrega-
tion, there being standing room
only. In the sanctuary was a crib
representing Bethlehem, which was
illuminated with colored lights.In addition to the general distribu-
tion of baskets given out by the
various organizations already mentioned
in The Gazette to the poor of the city
private individuals also made many
distributions and so far as known
there was not a poor family in the
city that was overlooked.According to the police the past
two days Sunday and Monday were
the quietest in the annals of the po-
lice department for Christmas. Since
Saturday up to yesterday morning
not more than half a dozen arrests
were made and only two or three
were for drunkenness.There were no "drunks" on the
street and this is ascribed as being
due to the absence of John Barley-
corn.Hundreds of Christmas trees have
been placed in homes in the city and
many are prettily decorated.Special Christmas dinners were
furnished the prisoners at the city
jail by Sgt. R. H. Cox and Joshua
Sherwood, keeper of the city jail
house also provided a special dinner
for the inmates of that institution.Many Christmas parties and dances
were given last night and for the
remainder of the week these festi-
vities will be in order ending New
Year's.The use of horns by the children
and also the discharge of fireworks,
especially the noise making kind ap-
pears to be a lost art. Not a single
horn was heard this Christmas and
the police also report there was no
discharge of fireworks as in previous
years.

Will Attend Health Meet

There will be a special conference
of the city health officers of Vir-
ginia in the office of the State De-
partment of Health, at Richmond, on
Wednesday, December 28th. Milk
inspection, the control of contagious
diseases and other matters of im-
portance will be brought before the
conference for discussion.Dr. Foulks, our city health offi-
cer, will leave here on an early train
tomorrow to attend the meeting.

Day in Police Court

A representative of an insurance
company was charged in the police
court today with failing to produce a
policy for automobile insurance for
which an officer at the Alexandria
Naval Torpedo Plant claimed he paid
him the sum of \$33.28 July 22, last.
The accused was given till Saturday
to reimburse the officer, sentence be-
ing suspended. The accused was ar-
rested by Policeman Snellings.George Johnson, colored, arrested
by Policeman Snellings, charged with
celebrating Christmas by discharging
a pistol, was sent to jail for 30 days.WASHINGTON
DAY BY DAY

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Washington, Dec. 27.—When Eu-
gene V. Debs, many times candidate
for President on the Socialist ticket,
emerged from the penitentiary at
Atlanta, yesterday, a free man ac-
cording to the decision of President
Harding, he came out, not as a
criminal, but as a hero. He was ap-
plauded not only by the nearly three
thousand inmates in the Georgia in-
stitution, but along his path away
from Atlanta, he was greeted by a
concourse of men, women and chil-
dren, who lined the railroad track as
his train sped on its way to freedom
and to his home at Terre Haute, Ind.
And yet, Debs was charged with
being one of the real movers behind
the efforts of those who did all in
their power to embarrass the govern-
ment of the United States in its aim
to raise an army which would be
sufficient to put down the forces of
the Kaiser and for once and all
stamp out world rule by German au-
thority. Which all goes to show
that no matter what a man has done
in this country there are enough
persons found to sympathize with
him and to give him encouragement
and God sped on his way.The Rev. Percy Foster Hall, pastor
of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in
Alexandria, is coming in for a good
deal of substantial favorable com-
ment from among the Washington
clergy of his faith at the manner in
which he has taken hold of things in
the Virginia city. The innovations
that Mr. Hall has brought with him
to St. Paul's have been the subject
of deep interest at the National Cap-
ital and have endeared him in the
hearts of those who formerly at-
tended services in the Church of the
Epiphany, of which institution he
was assistant director. Alexandrians,
unanimously, will agree that Mr.
Hall has thrown a spirit of enthusi-
asm and get-together into the work
of the congregation of St. Paul's
which is bound to have its good ef-
fect. He is what the younger element
of the congregation call a
"good mixer" and Washington Episcop-
alians are regretting that he saw
fit to leave their community. But
they wish him well and are sure
that in his new endeavors he will
prove to be the valuable servant of
the people and congregation to
which he has been called to preside
over in his always able and estima-
ble manner.This week will no doubt witness
some striking developments in the
conference called to bring about a
stoppage of war, or at least, to put
a damper upon the methods which
civilized nations employ to carry on
their contests against hostile nations.
While the various subcommittees
have been threshing out their agree-
ments in so far as a reduction in
naval warfare is concerned, there
has been no substantial agreement
among the leading powers which
will insure universal peace for all
time. But any how, the efforts of
President Harding in calling such a
conference together has resulted in a
better understanding among the na-
tions invited to the conference as
to the responsibilities which they
owe to their own governments and
of the burdens which will be lifted
from the shoulders of the citizens of
the universe if there will be a re-
duction in naval armament and
other methods of warfare now cost-
ing the civilized nation untold mil-
lions and creating a feeling of dis-
content which only an international
agreement can prevent.The President and Mrs. Harding
are contemplating a trip to the South
as part of their Christmas holidays.
They are hoping to go to Pinehurst,
N. C., to spend a few days of recreation
and the Chief Executive hopes
that he will be able to devote at
least 48 hours to his favorite pas-
time of golf. Those who have been
to Pinehurst say that the links at
this resort are superb, and there is
no doubt that the president, an en-
thusiast as he is, will get a good deal
of comfort out of the few days that
he is contemplating spending at this
nationally famous Southern resort.
He has worked hard and the people
of the nation will welcome him to
the Southland knowing full well
that his stay at the North Carolina
resort will prove of immeasurable
benefit not only to himself but to his
wife as well.

Isaac Gregg.

AUTOS COLLIDE

Automobiles of Walter U. Varney,
of Del Ray, and Dr. S. B. Penn, of
this city, collided yesterday morning
on North Washington street and
the machine of Mr. Varney was dam-
aged to the extent of about \$75. Mr.
Varney's son, Walter U. Varney, Jr.,
was driving Mr. Varney's machine
and a colored boy named Smith was
driving Dr. Penn's car. The driver
of Dr. Penn's car was cited to ap-
pear in court by Policeman C. A.
Padgett and following an exhaustive
investigation Justice Snow accom-
panied by the litigants went to the
scene of the accident and afterwards
imposed a fine of \$5 on the Smith
boy.Midshipman J. E. Trumble of the
U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis,
Md., is spending the Christmas holi-
days with his mother, Mrs. E. Pad-
gett.HOOVER WILL
HEAD A HUGE
DEVELOPMENTImprovement of Colorado
River, Involving Half a
Billion Dollars

RECLAIM ARID LAND

Secretary Estimates Twenty Years
Will be Required to Reclaim Seven
Million Acres.Washington, Dec. 27.—Secretary
Hoover has just taken on the direc-
tion of a half-billion dollar project,
affecting millions of acres of land,
millions of people, and it will require,
he believes, a third of his time during
the three years remaining of his term
of office.Behind the screen of arms confer-
ence developments, the simple notice
that Hoover had been appointed by
President Harding as chairman of the
Colorado River Commission has
gone forth with little comprehension
of his tremendous political and eco-
nomic potentialities.The Colorado River project is of
tremendous interest for the follow-
ing reasons:

1. It is the greatest reclamation
undertaking ever contemplated.
2. It involves development of the
Colorado River for purposes of irri-
gation, reclamation and water power
at a cost of \$500,000,000.
3. It embraces development of ap-
proximately 7,000,000 acres of arid
land in the states of California, Ari-
zona, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wy-
oming and Montana.
4. It is estimated that some 6,000-
000 horse power of water power can
be obtained by the proposed harness-
ing of the river.
5. It is estimated that approxi-
mately twenty years will be required
to complete the whole work.

But, as important as any of these
items is, the fact that the undertak-
ing revives the old question which
was influential in sweeping the late
Theodore Roosevelt into power—the
question of whether this giant re-
clamation project shall be publicly or
privately financed stands out in
strong relief.On this point there already is evi-
dence of an impending clash within
the Harding cabinet not unlike the
Ballinger-Pinchot row in 1909 under
Taft. Hoover has indicated that he
believes the huge undertaking must
be publicly financed and controlled,
at least at its source. Private con-
trol of water power with such ramifi-
cations as that projected in the
Colorado River undertaking would to
his mind, be inexcusable.

Salvation Army Grateful

Christmas Offering Totaled \$532.35—
Baskets DistributedTo our Alexandria friends who have
helped the Salvation Army with their
Christmas efforts of 1921:Received by check from W. B.
Smoot, \$25; received by check from
Burke and Herbert, \$25; Alexandria
County Lighting Co., \$15; W. A. Bar-
nett, \$10; Eastern Star Lodge, \$10;
Graham and Orden, \$15; Brotherhood
of Painters, Decorators and Paper-
hangers of America, \$10; Sarepta
Lodge No. 46 I. O. O. F., \$5; Mr. Er-
vin, \$5; Mr. J. Y. Williams, \$5; T.
Clifton Howard, \$5; E. R. Elliott, \$5;
E. Hidenheimer, \$5; Miss Bessie N.
Gerucher, \$5; J. H. Bitzer, \$5; Jas.
R. Cato, \$5; other small checks
amounting to \$7; The Salvation Army
Kris Kringle, collected by Tamber-
line, \$12.05; Total \$532.35.Moneys taken in day by day in
Christmas efforts: First day Saturday,
December 10, \$45.90; Monday, Decem-
ber 12, \$14.70; Tuesday, December 13,
\$11.82; Wednesday, December 14,
\$11.82; Thursday, December 15, \$26.97;
Friday, December 16, \$12.89; Sat-
urday, December 17, \$46.86; Monday,
December 19, \$34.32; Tuesday, Decem-
ber 20, \$19.16; Wednesday, December
21, \$15.06; Thursday, December 22,
\$23; Friday, December 23, \$21.01; Sat-
urday, December 24, \$67.61; total
\$339.30; Grand total \$532.35.Captain McIntyre will have to take
his hat off to the pot boilers and tend-
ers, all of which helped us to give 65
baskets to the poor and needy on
December 24th, and a bed steed, bed
covers, toys, candy and garments to
a poor family. A word of thanks to
Mr. Johnson for the way he put the
baskets up, they were fine, also to
those that sent us the flour, candy
and groceries, thanks to Miss Betty
Keys and her Sunday School class for
the candy, toys and other things they
brought to us, thanks to the West End
School for their donation of toys,
candy and groceries.Now to The Alexandria Gazette,
The Salvation Army thanks you for
the favors you have done for us in
the past, we do know what we would
have done without you, thank you. We
wish you all a very happy new year.
But after all after the battle is fought
(Continued on page three)MASS MEETING
IN INTEREST
OF HIGHWAYMembers of State Highway
Commission to
Attend

MEET TOMORROW

Seek Construction of Highway Be-
tween Alexandria and Fairfax
CourthouseA mass meeting will be held at 10
o'clock tomorrow morning in the
rooms of the Chamber of Commerce in
the interest of the construction of the
highway between this city and Fair-
fax court house, a distance of four-
teen miles. Attending this meeting
will be the members of the state high-
way commission headed by George P.
Coleman, state highway commission-
er. There will be a large delega-
tion of residents of Fairfax county
interested in the construction of this
highway together with a large num-
ber of Alexandria business men and
others interested in the building of
this road. An invitation is extended
to all persons interested in the con-
struction of the road to attend the
mass meeting, as its building will
mean much to the business interests
of Alexandria.It is not thought that the commis-
sion will announce their decision at
this meeting, but in all probability
will take the matter under considera-
tion and make known their decision
at an early date.Both residents of Fairfax and the
business interests of this city have
worked hard for some time past to
secure the construction of this road.
The proposed road will cost from
\$420,000 to \$450,000, it is estimated
and in all probability would be built
of concrete or macadam. Its cost
would be borne by the state. In the
event of the construction of this high-
way it would give a fine road from
Alexandria to Aldie, Loudoun county,
a stretch of about forty miles.A mass meeting in the interest of
the construction of this road was held
several weeks ago at Annandale,
Fairfax county and was attended by
a large gathering of residents of Fair-
fax county and also a number of
business men from this city.In connection with the construction
of this highway city council at a
meeting held October 12, 1920, adopt-
ed an ordinance providing that the
city of Alexandria pay one-half of
the interest charges on bonds to be
issued by Fairfax county for that
county's part of the work in connec-
tion with the construction of the Lee
highway, from Alexandria to Win-
chester. It is provided in the ordi-
nance that the city's part shall not
exceed \$45,000 and shall not extend
for over a period of five years and
it shall not become available till the
length of the highway from Alexan-
dria to Fairfax court house shall
have been completed and assurances
have been received from the state
highway commissioner that the un-
finished highway from Fairfax court
house to Winchester, Va., will be
promptly proceeded with and com-
pleted.It also is further provided that a
special levy of ten cents per \$100 be
added to the city tax rate on real
estate, tangible personal property
owned or held by residents of the city
of Alexandria when called on for the
payment of these interest charges by
the board of supervisors of Fairfax
county.It is further recommended that the
mayor be empowered to enter into a
contract with the board of super-
visors of Fairfax as to the construc-
tion of the road and the payment of
the interest charges.The members of highway commis-
sion will be guests of the Chamber of
Commerce at a luncheon at the Hotel
Rammel following the meeting.Norfolk—For the first time on re-
cord a Sunday session of police court
was held today. Court convened at
the usual hour for disposing of a
special docket of prisoners, who, up
to 6 o'clock this morning had been
unable to procure their release on
bond. This special session was decid-
ed upon several days ago by Justice
Simmon in order that persons arrest-
ed on Christmas Eve and unable to
furnish bond, might not be confined
over Christmas Day.

Bible Thought for Today

NOT MEAT AND
DRINK.—For the king-
dom of God is not meat
and drink, but righteous-
ness, and peace, and joy
in the Holy Ghost.—Rom.
14: 17.CONFERENCE ON
SUBMARINES IS
WORLD ISSUEPossible Date For Three
Years Hence Discussed
by Delegates

MANY QUESTIONS

Land Armament, Aircraft, and All
Matters Relating to Warfare Need
Discussion.Washington, Dec. 27.—The Arms
Conference Naval Committee, which
faces a perplexing situation in its ef-
fort to agree on limitation of sub-
marine strength, last night postponed
its next meeting until Wednesday so
that the French and possibly the Jap-
anese might receive from home offi-
cials more definite instructions re-
garding the compromise proposal of
the American Government.All indications here, however, point-
ed to continued objection to the Ameri-
can plan by both the Japanese and
French groups. At the same time the
Americans and British appeared to
feel that offering to scale down their
submarine fleets to 60,000 tons each,
they had made a maximum concession
in the interest of an agreement.In these circumstances more definite
shape was assumed by the move-
ment for a later conference, to be at-
tended by a larger number of nations
for another examination of the whole
submarine problem, and for a future
meeting of the great Powers to as-
sess the general possibilities of furth-
er armament limitations. There were
indications that the plan for a world
submarine conference would be put
into concrete form very quickly. The
proposed new conference of the Pow-
ers on the general subject of arma-
ments probably would be held in 1928
or 1929, and provisions for it would
be made in the treaty that is to em-
body the decisions of the present meet-
ing.Postponement of the Naval Com-
mittee meeting from today to Wed-
nesday is understood to have resulted
from a request from the French dele-
gates, who have not yet heard the
formal verdict of their home govern-
ment on the American plan to fix
American and British submarine
strength at 60,000 tons and to make a
status quo arrangement for France,
Italy and Japan. The impression
among the members of the French de-
legation last night was that the plan
would be wholly unsatisfactory to
Paris. A submarine tonnage of 90,000
has been suggested for France by her
naval experts, and under the Ameri-
can proposal she would have only
about 31,000.The Japanese maintained silence as
to their future course in the negotia-
tions, but there was no evidence that
they intended to recede from their
flat refusal to accept the American
compromise. The Japanese delegates
have told the Conference they consid-
ered 54,000 tons of submarines neces-
sary to their national security in
place of the 31,000 allotted them in
the compromise arrangement. In some
quarters, however, it is hoped that
further advices from Tokyo may some-
what soften their position.

AUTO LICENSES

Big Rush On Part Of Owners For
1922 TagsThe police on duty at headquarters
are kept busy these days issuing
state automobile licenses for the
year 1922. Today there has been a
big rush and already more than 1,000
automobile licenses have been issued
thus far by the police department. It
is expected that the rush will con-
tinue the remainder of the week. The
new license becomes operative Janu-
ary 1, 1922. Already practically all
of those who have obtained the new
license have placed the tags on their
cars.

Man Who Quit Jail Caught

Charles Galloway, 25 years old, the
one-legged man who escaped from the
District Jail Christmas afternoon, was
arrested yesterday afternoon in Alex-
andria, Va., and returned to the Dis-
trict authorities.Galloway was serving a ninety-day
sentence for not having paid his board
bill. Officials say his term was to have
expired on January 5. He gave officials
his address as Tenth and E streets
northwest.For several weeks Galloway had
been employed at the Washington
Asylum Hospital. He made daily trips
from the jail to the hospital and re-
turned to the jail every night. When
he failed to report at the jail Christ-
mas night a general lookout was sent
for him. He was located in Alexandria.Lynchburg—City Manager Beck has
presented the estimated revenue
statement for 1922 to the City Coun-
cil, together with budget for the
city's requirements for the year. The
estimated revenues aggregate \$1,300,-
000 for the twelve months beginning
February 1. The budget ordinance
will be passed at one of the meetings
in January.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Christmas dance, the first
given by the newly reorganized Ger-
man Club, was held in the auditorium
of the Elk's Home last night, chap-
eroned by Mrs. John M. Johnson, Mrs.
Thomas W. Robinson, Mrs. William
J. Morton, Mrs. George A. Mushbach,
Miss Cora L. Cochran, Mrs. William
J. Boothe, Mrs. George Uhler, Mrs. C.
William Wattle and Mrs. Alexander
S. Doniphan. Among the dancers
were Miss Jeannette Cochran, Miss
Elizabeth Warwick, Miss Margaret
Warwick, Miss Louise Griffith, Miss
Eugenia Griffith, Miss Katherine
Waller, Miss Margaret Moncre, Miss
Hilda Schneider, Miss Sarah Kemper,
Miss Charlotte Kemper, Miss Eliza-
beth Boothe, Miss Elizabeth Bryant,
Miss Josephine Gregg, Miss Caroline
Wattle, Miss Jean Thompson, Miss
Marie Gasson, Miss Dorothy Morton,
Miss Aggie Hoxton, Miss Blanche
Stansbury, Miss Ruth Deahl, Miss
Anne Linn, Miss Margerie Hall, Miss
Rosella Burke, Miss Edmonia Baker,
Mr. and Mrs. O. Ashby Reardon, Mr.
and Mrs. Charles F. Holden, Mr. and
Mrs. Jos. H. Newell, Mr. and Mrs.
John G. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Ed-
gar Warfield, Mr. and Mrs. T. An-
derson Sommers, Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Calvert Smoot, Jr., of North
Wilkesboro, N. C., Capt. Marvel H.
Parsons, U. S. A., and Mrs. Parsons,
Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd Uhler, of
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dr. Paul W. Vestal,
Boston; Dr. Edward P. Whistler,
Cadet Louis C. Barley, West Point;
Ensign W. Roland Gaines, U. S. N.;
Cadet Franklin Gurley, West Point;
Midshipman Ralph Gurley, Annapolis;
Messrs. E. Rock, Thomas Moncre,
Overton Price, Hamilton Brown, C.
Bruce Morton, C. E. Leasure, A. L.
Stearns, Ennis Hodion, H. W. Hughes,
Carroll Pierce, Jr., Robert E. Graham,
C. H. Davis, Laurence G. Fawcett, J.
Randall Caton, Alexander S. Doni-
phan, Jr., W. P. Woolls, E. Warfield,
Jr., Capt. E. B. Larimer, George H.
Evans, Gordon Burke, George E.
Warfield, Carroll Pierce, George B.
Vest, Baudrie L. Howell, J. K.
Aitchison, J. M. Duncan, Jr., O. A.
Ryder, Hubert Steele, C. J. Robinson,
T. B. Clem, G. L. Boothe, Jr., J. P.
Robinson, Dr. F. M. Dillard, R. M.
Chichester, E. H. Oliver, Horace
Woolf, P. Boothe Pulman, G. J. Cox,
Jr., D. A. Lindsey, William J. Boothe,
J. T. Lewis, A. B. Nicol, Johnson Mc-
Guire, L. H. Dudley, A. D. Brockett,
R. M. Green, Jr., A. A. Reardon,
Commander C. C. Kress, U. S. N., C.
W. Wattle, W. Cameron Roberts,
Albert V. Bryan.The next dance of the organization
will be held Monday, January 2, in
the Elk's Home.

K. OF C. XMAS PARTY

Nearly 100 Children Enjoy Hospital-
ity of K. of C.Nearly one hundred little boys and
girls were the grateful recipients of
Knights of Columbus goodies at the
K. of C. Christmas Party on Christ-
mas Day. The hall was prettily de-
corated, and contained a beautiful
Christmas tree, ablaze with numerous
electric lights, that put a festive air
to the entire surroundings. The
Christmas party was the first of its
kind held by the local council, and it
was pleasant to realize that this year
the Knights of Columbus had their
own home from which to dispense
their Christmas gifts.The idea was conceived by the en-
tertainment committee of the coun-
cil, and the success of the initial
party will doubtless result in its rep-
etition next year.Mr. Raymond Hellmuth acted as
Santa Claus. The committee wishes
to thank all those who in any way
contributed to the success of the
first K. of C. Christmas celebration
for the children of the city.The council meets tomorrow even-
ing at 8 o'clock at the K. of C. club
rooms.

MANY VIEW LIQUOR

Stills and Corn at Police Viewed by
Thirsty WayfarersWhile there were hundreds of per-
sons yesterday who spent the day
minus John Barleycorn there were
at least a hundred gallons of perfect-
ly good corn liquor reposing in a cell
in the west corridor of police station.
This liquor however, was safely under
lock and key and it was simply to be
gazed upon said one of the officers in
charge. Many thirsty persons who
called at police headquarters simply
peeped into the cell.The south corridor of police head-
quarters looks like a big distilling
plant, for there are about a dozen
stills of all sizes stored therein. They
were captured by federal prohibition
agents and are being held till after
the persons arrested in connection with
their capture are tried. Afterward
they will be destroyed and probably
the copper may once more find its
way into a perfectly new still or per-
haps for something more useful.

Xmas K. T. Toast

Given By O. D. C. To Grand Com-
mander of OrganizationFollowing an establishment custom,
the members of Old Dominion Com-
mandery, Knights Templar, assembled
at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in
their asylum and drank a toast to
the health of the grand master of
the Grand Encampment of the
Knights Templar of the United
States. Among those attending was
Chester A. Gwinn, grand master of
the order in Virginia. Rev. Dr. E.
V. Register responded to a toast to
the departed brethren.DEBS SAYS HE
WAS INVITED TO
WASHINGTONAsserts Attorney General
Daugherty Ordered
Him to Report

CALLS ON PRESIDENT

Personally Thanks Executive for Re-
lease From Prison—Goes Home To-
day.Washington, Dec. 27.—Outside of
the White House yesterday stood a
thin, baldheaded, unobtrusive little
man. He wore a gray overcoat and
a suit that did not fit any too well.
It was a "Penitentiary outfit."He looked over the wonderful ex-
panse of the White House grounds.
The trees were stripped in tribute to
winter. There were fountains in
which no water played because of the
season. Pet squirrels pecked from
the little nooks of refuge. A land-
scape coldly kissed by the breath of
another Christmas and winds that
swept on to somewhere else in-
vigorated him.The little man was Eugene V.
Debs, released only a few hours from
the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.
President Harding has commuted his
sentence of ten years on charges of
obstructing the draft for the conduct
of America's part in the world war."I've started for here four or five
times," said Debs, "but this is the
first time I ever landed."The former convict was referring to
the times he had campaigned for
the presidency of the United States
on the Socialist ticket.A few minutes later Debs went in-
side, met his liberator and thanked
him for his release. They were to-
gether half an hour. A little more
than a year ago the two men, Presi-
dent Harding and Debs, were rival
candidates for office now held by
the former. At that time the candi-
dacy of Debs was conducted from
the federal prison.Unless his citizenship is restored—
because Debs had received only a
commutation and not a pardon—he
may not run again.Debs spent a busy day in Wash-
ington. Besides seeing the president,
he called on Attorney General
Daugherty, who later issued the fol-
lowing statement:"I have received a call from Mr.
Debs. I volunteered no advice to
him, and he asked none. There were
no unusual conditions attached to his
commutation. His call upon me was
of his own volition. I will shortly give
out for publication, with the presi-
dent's consent, my recommendation in
the Debs case. My object in doing
this will be to refresh the memory
of the American people of Debs' vio-
lations of the law and to inform them
of the reasons for his commutation.
I hope it will be educational to some
extent.""I have nothing further to say
regarding Debs' call or regarding his
case except that I hope he may direct
his talents to a useful purpose. And
I trust that the notoriety he has re-
ceived may not be commensalized. I
say this because I observe gathering
about him and undertaking to pro-
mote him persons who have not the
best interests of the country or so-
ciety at heart. His life's effort, pur-
suing as he has until now, when he is
again a free man, a theory erroneous
in principle, should